

DATE: November 17, 2005**SUBJECT:** Education Leadership Commission**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the 2005 joint meeting of the State Board of Education and the Commission, Dr. Gene Bottoms of the SREB staff lead a discussion of efforts underway to improve preparation and professional development of school principals in the SREB states. Subsequent to that meeting, the SREB was awarded a significant grant from the U. S. Department of Education, which will enable the SREB to work directly in Tennessee and other states in this regard. East Tennessee State University and Tennessee Technological University are the lead institutions.

In an organizational meeting with Dr. Bottoms earlier this Fall, it was determined that the appointment of the state's Education Leadership Commission for this project should be appointed jointly by the State Board of Education and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Responsibilities of the ELC shall include: recommending policies and standards to guide the redesign of the system of principal preparation, licensure, and professional development; preparing an implementation plan for the new system; and overseeing implementation of the plan. Drs. Gary Nixon and Richard Rhoda conferred in developing the prospective list of ELC members, as shown below. The State Board of Education adopted the appointments at its October 21, 2005 meeting

RECOMMENDATION: The Commission staff recommends approval of the Education Leadership Commission membership as presented.

Dr. Gary Nixon, Chairman	Executive Director SBE
Dr. Robert Bell	President, Tennessee Technological University
Dr. Damon Cathey	Principal, John Early M.S., Nashville
Dr. Linda Doran	Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Ivan Duggin	Principal, Holloway H.S., Murfreesboro
Dr. Jim Duncan	Director of Schools, Lebanon
Kim Fisher	Principal, Black Fox Elementary, Cleveland
Dr. Ric Hovda	Dean, University of Memphis
Dr. Carol Johnson	Director of Schools, Memphis
Rep. Mark Maddox	General Assembly
Dr. Paula Myrick-Short	Tennessee Board of Regents
Martin Nash	Department of Education
Mr. Kip Reel	Tennessee Org. of School Superintendents
Dr. Bob Rider	Dean, University of Tennessee
Ms. Mary Rouse	Sullivan East High School, Bluff City
Dr. Valerie Rutledge	SBE Member
Dr. Paul Stanton	President, East Tennessee State University
Mr. Cecil Stroup	Principal, McNairy Central H.S., Selmer
Ms. Ellen Thornton	Tennessee Business Roundtable
Senator Jim Tracy	General Assembly
Senator Jamie Woodson	General Assembly
Dr. Duran Williams	Tennessee Education Association
Rep. Les Winningham	General Assembly